



Jackson Metropolitan Area

"Labor Market Trends"



JACKSON MSA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT Covering: Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties (Selected Data Based on Place of Work)

	Number of Workers			Net Change	
	August 04	July 04	August 03	Month Ago	Year Ago
INDUSTRY					
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARIED	237,300	236,400	234,500	900	2,800
Manufacturing	19,900	19,800	18,400	100	1,500
Durable Goods	14,200	14,000	12,300	200	1,900
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	6,100	(100)	(400)
Natural Res. & Mining	600	600	700	0	(100)
Construction	11,400	11,400	12,100	0	(700)
Trade, Transportation	49,500	49,000	48,300	500	1,200
Wholesale Trade	11,600	11,600	11,600	0	0
Retail Trade	27,800	27,300	26,900	500	900
Information	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	(200)
Finance	17,000	17,100	16,100	(100)	900
Finance & Insurance	12,800	12,900	12,300	(100)	500
Credit Intermediation & Related	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	(100)
Depository Credit	3,200	3,300	3,300	(100)	(100)
Professional & Business Service	25,700	25,800	26,500	(100)	(800)
Professional, Scientific, & Tech	10,700	10,600	10,600	100	100
Management of Companies	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	(100)
Administrative & Support	11,100	11,300	11,900	(200)	(800)
Educational & Health Service	28,600	28,100	28,900	500	(300)
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,800	22,700	23,100	100	(300)
Hospitals	8,700	8,800	9,100	(100)	(400)
Leisure & Hospitality	20,000	20,000	19,800	0	200
Accommodation & Food Service	17,800	17,600	17,400	200	400
Other Services	8,600	8,700	8,500	(100)	100
Government	50,500	50,400	49,500	100	1,000
Federal Government	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	200
State Government	26,300	26,500	25,900	(200)	400
State Education	7,200	7,300	6,700	(100)	500
Local Government	18,700	18,400	18,300	300	400
Local Education	11,800	11,500	11,600	300	200

HOURS AND EARNING FOR MANUFACTURING

	Current Month*	Previous Month	Year Ago
Avg. Weekly Earnings	\$629.71	\$568.37	\$553.02
Avg. Weekly Hours	40.6	38.3	38.7
Avg. Hourly Earnings	\$15.51	\$14.84	\$14.29

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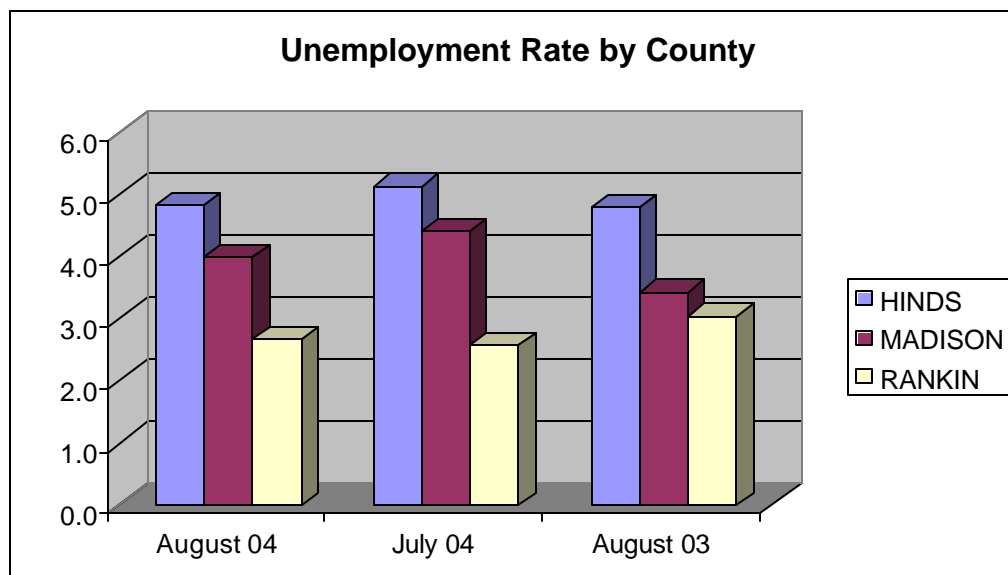
August 2004

**Civilian Labor Force Summary
HINDS, MADISON AND RANKIN COUNTIES
(Data Based on Place of Residence)**

	August 04	July 04	August 03
Civilian Labor Force	244,040	249,430	238,840
Unemployed	9,930	10,690	9,700
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.3%	4.1%
Employed	234,110	238,740	229,140
Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried	222,070	227,000	218,440
Other Nonagricultural	9,120	9,060	7,550
Agricultural	2,920	2,680	3,150

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES:**

	August 04	July 04	August 03
HINDS	4.8	5.1	4.8
MADISON	4.0	4.4	3.4
RANKIN	2.7	2.6	3.0



LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (Place of Residence)

The metro area labor force had an decrease of 5,390 from July and recorded an decrease of 760 in the unemployed total. The number of employed was down 4,630 over the month. The rate of unemployment decreased 0.2 percentage points over the month and showed no change over the year. Hinds had the highest rate in August among the three counties and Rankin the lowest.

EMPLOYMENT & EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Employment by place of work increased 900 from July and rose 2,800 over the year. Retail Trade and Education & Health Services grew by 500 each over the month. Weekly wages for manufacturing workers increased approximately \$61 from last month and were up almost \$77 from last year. Average hourly earnings increased 67 cents, as the number of weekly hours worked grew 2.3 from July.

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